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“No Man Taketh This Honour Unto Himself”

THE Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints stands or falls on the question of its authority from God to perform the ordinances of the Gospel. We consider all other Christian denominations in the same position, as indicated in the utterance :

“We believe that a man must be called of God, by prophecy, and by the laying on of hands, by those who are in authority to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.”

The necessity of being thus authorised should be clearly evident to the thoughtful mind without argument or demonstration. Indeed, all sects must believe they are authorised agents of God to act in His name effectively for the benefit of their members. If this were not so what have they to offer ?

Among Christian denominations there are three distinct claims to divine authority :

1. That the authority Christ gave his apostles has continued unbroken down through the years until the present time. (Catholic.)

2. The major Protestant sects came into being in protest against the ungodliness of the Catholic Church as they saw it. In so doing they denounced its claim to continuing authority. Having thus broken away they accept the principle that any “inner call” qualifies a pretender for service in God’s name.

3. Rejecting the Catholic claim on the basis of scriptural and historical evidence, the Latter-day Saints, in part, agree with the Protestants, but disagree with the idea that a Church could break away from an apostate order and have divine authority in any way except by a new bestowal, of such power, from the Heavens.

We further declare that in this generation heavenly beings, Peter, James and John, acting under the direction of the head of the Church—Jesus Christ—did bestow the divine authority of the Holy Priesthood upon men, which power and authority has been handed down, by the laying on of hands, on all who perform the saving ordinances of the Gospel in this day.

Such a claim casts no reflection on the value of the moral and ethical teachings of modern Christendom. Nor does it deny the benefit that comes to Christians who are inspired to better lives by religions that have only the form of godliness, but not the essential authority of God to baptize in His name, to confer the Gift of the Holy Ghost, to ordain others to the Priesthood and to join man and wife in matrimony and seal family units for time and eternity.

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THE CLAIM TO AUTHORITY

DR. GAYLON CALDWELL

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THE claim of authority over other human beings is the greatest claim that can be made. In yielding to authority the individual abdicates some of his own individuality—some of the right to think, to speak, to act for himself, because no matter how democratic an authority or how benevolent is its object, the authority necessarily *creates* opinion among its followers as well as *reflects* their opinions. An evil leader will bestialise his subjects, but even a sensitive, benevolent one cannot but leave his stamp on the people he controls, substituting something of himself, his views, his way of doing things at the expense of stifling, if not destroying, some of the individuality of each of them. And the latter type of leaders are, unfortunately, rarely to be found. We have been

told by prophets, learned from philosophers, and history is replete with examples, when a man gains authority he tends to use it unwisely—to stifle individuality and to oppress fellow men.

And yet authority is necessary. "Freedom" is not its absence. A person living in isolation from his kind must be, as Aristotle wrote, "either a beast or a god", and, one must conclude with that ancient philosopher, that he is the former. Men are civilised by institutions: Churches, states, families, and other groups.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has itself pioneered many institutions. These are designed to encourage personal development. It has consistently encouraged group activity under authority. The Church, further,

"No Man Taketh This Honour Unto Himself" (continued)

Without this essential authority men cannot understand the true meaning of the Holy Scripture. Without it men wander in darkness, tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine. With it comes understanding, light and knowledge and the power of God unto salvation to every soul that believeth and doeth the will of the Father.

In all that pertains to authoritative performance of gospel ordinances the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is patterned after the Primitive church and is characterised by the administration of men in all the offices named in scripture as pertaining to the Church of old.

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recognises the role of civil government in the lives of its members and enjoins loyalty to such established authority; it emphasises the institution of the family and counsels obedience to its authorities—the parents. Membership and participation in trade unions, professional and business societies, civic organisations, political parties, etc., are recognised as worthwhile activities for Latter-day Saints. But while authorities of the Church have acknowledged the need for such institutions its leaders have also suggested a standard for judging their value. President McKay once stated that *all* institutions should increase man's freedom and further the proper development of character, and, if they fail to do these things their usefulness ceases.

Institutions, then, are necessary, and to be effective, they require leadership. For example, even a medical association could not endure without leadership and certainly could never achieve its objects without an organisation based upon it. Just as surely, leadership requires authority.

Authority, then, is always a primary concern but it is not a new one. Since the world began serious thinkers have reflected upon it and experimented with it. Some of their conclusions have been sound, other faulty. As one would expect, God has not been silent regarding such an important topic, and through inspiration, sages, and through revelation, prophets have enunciated the correct bases of authority.

That basis is this: Authority must be consensual. Popular opinion and the efforts of cynics to the contrary, the fact is that no institution has endured if based

merely on fear and force. It may well be, as some assert, that man is by nature a creature who wants authority over him. Experience may buttress this assertion, but whether consent is based on social or psychological urges or from a reasoned choice, it is still consent. It may not be comforting to the convinced democrat to know that the Nazi and Stalinist dictatorships rested on a good deal of popular consent, but it is nonetheless a fact. Much of this support was manufactured by propaganda and much of the propaganda employed terror but fear and force alone could not have been so effective.

Some have insisted that authority should have an hereditary base. It is observable that monarchies amass a great body of sentiment, and are thus consensual. But lasting authority requires something more—many a kingdom has been lost by an inept ruler whose only claim to authority is through genealogy.

Others have laid claim to authority through a doctrine of a "Divine Right". Certainly such assertions should be regarded with caution and because such credentials are difficult to verify, the behaviour, objects, and, especially, the *techniques* of the claimant must be examined before a wise man would yield obedience.

Wealth, skin colour, nose shapes, race, and membership in a particular group have, from time to time, been advanced as sufficient in themselves to entitle one to authority over his fellows. Such claims ultimately rest upon a mystery—that in some miraculous manner superior insight and ability accompany such externals. Experience simply

does not confirm these claims and enduring authority cannot be based upon them.

Some have advocated the right of the wise and able to rule. Beyond doubt such attributes deserve consideration. Since all of us are not equally endowed with capacities for leading, it would seem at least consistent with the dignity of man and his purposes to yield first place to the wisest among us.

Still others, recognising the need for authority based upon consent, urge that authority must ultimately trace to a free selection made after reasoned discussion. This view has strong merit precisely because it incorporates two eternal principles: (1) The free agency of man, and (2) that man should be persuaded through his reason. The Scripture, "Come, let us reason together, saith the Lord" has special meaning to the Latter-day Saint who is aware of the great council in Heaven where complete freedom of expression prevailed and rational opposing arguments were presented in a meeting presided over by God Himself.

Yet, for the Latter-day Saint, this still will not do. We seek for Divine Authority. This is because we believe that there is authority with a higher claim to legitimacy than strength, heredity, skin colour, nose shape, party membership, election, or wisdom. This is the Priesthood—the power ordained of God to men

which authorises them to act in His name. No person who recognises the sovereignty of God can possibly conceive of an authority higher than this. This is the authority that we believe directs the Church of Jesus Christ and all of its auxiliary institutions. This is the authority we rely upon to guide the Latter-day Saint family.

The authority of the Priesthood does not lead governments, workers' organisations, business and professional societies, political parties, nor all community groups. These are presided over by authorities having a lesser claim. But the conditions governing the exercise of power by Divine Authority, proclaimed to all mankind through the Prophet Joseph Smith, apply equally to the lesser authorities:

We have learned by sad experience that it is the nature and disposition of almost all men, as soon as they get a little authority, as they suppose, they will immediately begin to exercise unrighteous dominion.

Hence many are called, but few are chosen.

No power or influence can or ought to be maintained by virtue of the priesthood, only by persuasion, by long-suffering, by gentleness and meekness, and by love unfeigned;

By kindness, and pure knowledge, which shall greatly enlarge the soul without hypocrisy, and without guile . . .

(Doctrine and Covenants
121: 39-42)

I say to you that it is not an insignificant thing to hold the Priesthood of God—to have the right to influence the powers of the heavens for good; and it is not a slight thing for us to neglect to honour the Priesthood of God in those who preside over us.—President Heber J. Grant.

THE DIVINE RIGHT

President Levi Edgar Young

First Council of Seventy

“The deepest need of men is not food and clothing and shelter, important as they are. It is God. We have mistaken the nature of poverty, and thought it was economic poverty. No, it is poverty of soul, and deprivation of God’s recreating loving peace. Peer into poverty and see if we are really getting down to the deepest needs, in our economic salvation schemes. These are important. But they lie farther along the road, second steps toward world reconstruction. The primary step is a holy life, transformed and radiant in the glory of God.”

Thomas R. Kelly.

VICTOR HUGO, the noted French writer, in his life of Shakespeare, says that “Every epoch is condensed in a man as all light is condensed into a flame, and for a great idea to take hold, you must consider where the power lies.” I wish to apply this thought to the rise and growth of Mormonism, for in the past century, noble minds have been at work developing this great message. It began with a man of power marking the period of stagnation in religion, the crumbling of old world religions, and inaugurating a future for humanity to follow, if the world is to be saved. The enlargement of the human mind is taking place as the result of the man and the Light which he had from God. Joseph Smith gave us the enlightened thought that the soul of man is divine and can be one with God, pure and enduring. What the world needs most of all, and to the end is God. Not God in the heavens in the past alone. But God here, and ready by the man whom He hath ordained “to repeat and enlarge the work recorded in Genesis, and pro-

mised in the New Testament; Man in the image of God.” We do well to keep before us the learning of other days, of God’s dealings with His children from the beginning of human history. The years in which you and I are living have witnessed an increase of knowledge, and it would be strange if religious truth alone were excluded from that learning. Divine truths must be lived today, and this because of new Light from the throne of God. The innate moral sense of man must find new bearings. Man is given a power now to ascend to the Zenith of civilisation. Joseph Smith ushered in a new historic era. The soul of man is to deal direct with God. It is to be humble in its attitude toward God, but it is to be searchingly honest with itself and seek the great and only way as Jesus our Redeemer taught. By this we are to place ourselves on a higher plane of vision by striving to see things from a loftier and more divine viewpoint. We may often be in error, because we are finite, but the nearest approach we can make to the pure “white Light

of truth" is to raise our thoughts as closely as we can to those of God and His eternal truths. Herein is a superb teaching again, sustained by the words of the Prophet:

"The Spirit of truth is of God. I am the spirit of truth, and John bore record of me saying: He receiveth a fullness of truth, yea even of all truth. He that keepeth his commandments receiveth truth and light, until he is glorified in truth and knoweth all things . . . The Glory of God is intelligence, or in other words Light and Truth."

It is a time when great problems of life are to be solved and solved right. This can only be done by developing a new faith to direct men to higher and nobler purposes. This does not mean that all men shall think alike. Men differ, must differ; but that does not affect the momentous principles of religion, for they are of God.

"For thus saith the Lord: I, the Lord, am merciful and gracious unto those who fear me, and delight to honour those who serve me in righteousness and in truth to the end. . . . And their wisdom shall be great and their understanding reach to heaven." (Doc. and Cov. 76: 5-9.)

I am reminded of the words of the learned psychologist at Harvard University, when he closed a lecture one day:

"There is a truth, a beauty, a morality, which is independent of psychological conditons. Every straightforward man, to whom the duties of his real life are no sounding brass, speaks with a sound voice to the psychologist: 'THERE ARE MORE THINGS IN HEAVEN AND EARTH THAN ARE DREAMT OF IN YOUR PHILOSOPHY!'" (Hugo Munsterberg.)

One of the noblest pieces of sculpture in the history of American art was exhibited at the San Francisco Exposition, held in 1915. It was the creation of Mr. Stirling Calder and was called the *Column of Progress*. A graceful column with an ascending spiral, it supported at the top, a group of people suggesting man's efforts to provide for himself the common necessities of life, thus expressing the instinct of self-preservation. At the base were four bronze reliefs representing human progress in all of its different stages—industry, government, art, and religion. On the faces of the men and women were expressions of hope and despair; strength and weakness, in the never-ending task of trying to realise their human destiny. Every figure was one of movement and vitality, and the entire group impressed one with the feeling that effort, and faith, and vision will carry men to the goal of life.

Seldom can one read a sentence that expresses a more thoughtful ideal than the one the Prophet Joseph Smith gave us when he wrote:

"And as all have not faith, seek ye diligently and teach one another words of wisdom; yea, seek ye out of the best books words of wisdom; seek ye learning even by study and also by faith."

It is a beautiful concept, for good books on history, and fine literary writings give us the great discoverers and interpreters of life. They take us into an intellectual world and lend themselves to our uses and give themselves joyfully to our companionship. Nothing is so gratifying and inspiring in our intellectual lives as the lesson given by good books, and by good books, we

mean the best of the world's literature. As we study the history of the early day missionaries of the Church, we find them men of books. Beginning with the prophet Joseph Smith himself we find him saying :

"And set in order the churches, and study and learn, and become acquainted with all good books and with languages, tongues, and people."

In the prayer offered at the dedication of the Temple at Kirkland, Ohio, March 27th, 1836, are these words :

"And do thou grant, Holy Father, that all those who shall worship in this house may be taught words of wisdom out of the best books, and that they may seek learning even by study, and also by faith, as thou hast said."

His concept of government was clearly expressed from time to time, and he exemplified what Ferrero calls "The doctrine which sets forth that the supreme end of a State is neither riches nor power, but virtue. Government within the soul of man." Every man acting right because it is right. Government is the loyalty of each man's heart to the voice of God. Superb again are the words of the Prophet when he says :

"And now verily I say unto you concerning the laws of the land, it is my will that my people should observe to do all things whatsoever I command them.

"And that law of the land which is constitutional, supporting that principle of freedom in maintaining rights and privileges, belongs to all mankind, and is justifiable before me."

Herein one finds the American doctrine of Liberty, which had been

predicted by the poet Milton ages before when he said : "God is decreeing to begin some new and great period." In their golden maturity of wisdom and strength, with a profound faith in principle which no body of men ever rivalled, and which many of their sons have not comprehended, our fathers began with God and human nature, founding this government on truths which they declared to be self-evident. With grandeur of concepts the Prophet Joseph Smith acclaims:

"We believe that governments were instituted of God for the benefit of man; and that he holds men accountable for their acts in relation to them, both in making laws and administering them, for the good and safety of society.

"We believe that no government can exist in peace, except such laws are formed and held inviolate as will secure to each individual the free exercise of conscience the right and control of property, and the protection of life."

The American doctrine finds liberty in the natural equality of men. The conspiracy of today which is growing in the world and in America is a conspiracy against liberty because it is a denial of that equality. The quality which underlies our doctrine of liberty is an equality of right. Life and liberty is common to all men. Just laws grow out of just and righteous living which is contained in the teachings of Christ our Lord. It was the George William Curtis who declared in an address in 1862 :

"Let it never be forgotten that the rights for which America was contended are the rights of human nature."

Our fathers, their lips glowing with the words of a faith that

shames us today, called God to witness, told us not to forget. Today we have forgotten, and God is calling us to judgment. If we could know again the meaning of American Government as the founders conceived it, there could be no Communism in America, no evil and barbarous movement which if we do not watch and overcome, will destroy the work of such men as Washington, Jefferson, Hamilton, Lincoln, and Franklin. Understanding that TRUTH IS almighty, the priesthood of God must become its interpreters and prophets. God grant that we may have Faith in Truth, for we "have obtained a land of Promise, a land which is choice above all other lands; a land which the Lord God hath covenanted should be a land for the inheritance of my seed."

One time at the close of a lecture at Harvard College, Santayana, one of the noted scholars on the History of Italy and the world, wrote

these words concerning Christopher Columbus :

"O world, thou choosest not the better part.
 It is not wisdom to be only wise,
 And on the inward vision, close the eyes :
 But it is wisdom to believe the heart
 Columbus found a world, and had no chart
 Save one that faith deciphered in the skies;
 To trust the soul's invincible surmise
 Was all his science and his only art
 Our knowledge is a torch of smoky pine
 That lights the pathway but one step ahead
 Across a void of mystery and dread,
 Bid them, the tender light of faith to shine
 By which alone the mortal heart is led
 Unto the thinking of the thought divine."

Divine Authority

ELDER DAVID K. HART

THIS Gospel is true. It is true because the Lord has ordained it as such, "the only Church upon the face of the earth with which He is pleased." This may come as a shock to the millions of professing Christians the world over who are not members of this Church, in fact they may even consider it unkind. But, is it unkind to state the simple truth, about a fact that is the most

important any person could hear? It is not unkind to give a dying man an injection which will save his life. Is it logical to reject this saving injection because we are hurt by the needle? It most assuredly is not. Thus, if the statement of fact, "this is the Church of Jesus Christ, restored to the earth in the latter-days" hurts those who do not believe as we do, let us pray

that they will not reject the life-giving message it contains.

Because we bear this singular testimony, it does not make it necessarily true. However, the difference lies in the fact that the Lord has stated it, and thus this message becomes of utmost importance to all who dwell upon the earth. And, with this, comes another far reaching claim, that the authority to act in the name of God is upon the earth once again, even as it was in the Meridian of Time. Many denominations have laid claim to this authority, but have based their claims on endless theological disputes, and deep study into the philosophies of men. Our claim to the authority lies where it should; with the Lord, through revelation. We do not have to rely on the judgments of imperfect man, but rather upon the truths of a perfect God. What a thrilling testimony to stir the hearts of men the world over. The Lord lives, and we, His children, can rest assured that we will be guided by promised revelation. We do not have to go to Plato, or to Aristotle, or to the thousand and one apologists of the other denominations for a confirmation of this authority. We have only to go to the scriptures, which state, speaking of this authority:

And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.

(Hebrews 5:4)

Aaron was called by direct revelation, through a prophet, (Exodus 28:1; 40:13-15), and we can find no instance in the scriptures of prophets being called otherwise.

The Bible tells us that God is the same "today, yesterday and forever." As the Lord is unchanging, so also, the method by which men are called to the ministry would be unchanged. These calls have always come by revelation in the True Church, and always will, for God does not change.

The works, and the designs, and the purposes of God cannot be frustrated, neither can they come to nought.

For God doth not walk in crooked paths, neither doth He turn to the right hand nor to the left, neither doth He vary from that which He hath said, therefore His paths are straight, and His course is one eternal round.

Remember, remember that it is not the work of God that is frustrated, but the work of man.

(Doctrine and Covenants 3:1-3)

Now, if denominational theologians contest this, let them do just as Isaiah suggests, and go to the "law and to the testimony." There is no higher court of appeal than the Lord, and His purposes are revealed to us in the scriptures. It is, then, to the scriptures we must go for the truth of these things, and not to the learning of man.

By a like standard, the scriptures tell us, speaking of Christ:

But this man because He continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

(Hebrews 7:24)

The priesthood is the authority to act in the name of God, and this Priesthood is unchanging. As Jesus gave the apostles of His own divine power, so He gave them an *unchanging* Priesthood. Therefore,

those today who claim this authority must show that their Priesthood is unchanged from the time of Christ, and even earlier. Can any man find where the scriptures sanction a paid ministry? No, we can't, but we can find multitudinous scriptures that state the true ministry should be unpaid. (One good one is found in II Thessalonians 3:8-12). Can any person lay claim to the Aaronic and Melchizedek Priesthoods, as spoken of in Hebrews? Unless they can, and can show the fruits of those things, then their claims are not valid. The authority to act in the name of God lies nowhere except with the Priesthood of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

And so our testimony is born to the world, a testimony so strong with the knowledge that the God-given authority to act in His name is here upon this earth, given by revelation, through duly ordained prophets. This testimony is given, not to wound, or to offend, or to cause contention, but to bring all mankind to the realisation of the blessing that are in store for them, if they will but seek. The Lord has promised these things, and they shall be given.

What I the Lord have spoken, I have spoken, and I excuse not myself; and though the heavens and the earth pass away, my word shall not pass away, but shall all be fulfilled, whether by

mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the same.

For behold, and lo, the Lord is God, and the Spirit beareth record, and the record is true, and the truth abideth forever and ever. Amen.

(Doctrine and Covenants 1:38-39)

Just one thought to the members of the Church. While we rejoice in our hearts for these things, let us remember the awesome responsibility this places upon our shoulders. Nothing in this life is more important than living up to the responsibilities that have come with these blessings. So, let us each day pray with all earnestness and sobriety that we may more fully discharge our obligations to the Lord.

Who am I that made man, saith the Lord, that will hold him guiltless that obeys not my commandments?

Who am I, saith the Lord, that have promised and have not fulfilled?

I command and men obey not; I revoke and they receive not the blessing.

Then they say in their hearts: This is not the work of the Lord, for His promises are not fulfilled. But woe unto such, for their reward lurketh beneath, and not from above.

(Doctrine and Covenants 58:30-33)

WANTED. A lady to be full-time housekeeper for the Mission Home; cooking and house cleaning duties. Please address all letters and references to: Mission Secretary, 149 Nightingale Lane, Balham, London, S.W.12.

ON TRIAL . . .

BRYAN B. GARDNER

In the courtroom Saints of all dispensations are eagerly listening to the trial—on whether Divine Authority is necessary in the one true church—a case which has been brought by the Uninformed of the world against the Saints of the Latter-days. Among the many witnesses that are being called are the apostles Peter, John, and Paul. Counsel for the Defence is speaking . . .

Defence : It has been established without argument that the Divine Authority of which we speak is the right to act in the name of God. My next witness, the apostle Paul, will show why it is necessary to have this authority before preaching or administering the ordinances of the church.

Paul : This is by no means a new point. I have said it before : “ How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed ? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard ? and how shall they hear without a preacher ? and how shall they preach except they be sent ? ”¹ “ And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron ”.²

Defence : Perhaps you would be good enough to inform the court how Aaron was called to the ministry ?

Paul : The Book of Exodus tells us plainly that Aaron was called of the Lord to the ministry through the prophet Moses.³

Defence : Can you establish whether there is any recognised method by which the servants of God are set apart, receiving this Divine Authority ?

Paul : Certainly. Many instances have been recorded. For example, there is my own case. At that time several brethren were fasting and praying to the Lord, when the Holy Ghost said “. . . separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.” The account goes on to say “ And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands upon them, they sent them away.”⁴ And then, of course, there is the celebrated occurrence in the Book of Numbers in which is related the setting apart of Joshua, the son of Nun.⁵ There are other examples if you wish. . . .

Defence : Thank you brother Paul, that will be all for the moment. Now, if the court pleases, we will call the next witness, the chief apostle of Christ’s church in the former days. I am sure that the prosecution will have no objection to the words of such a man. Call brother Peter.

Peter : I am here.

Defence : Were you called by Divine Authority to take part in the ministry of the Lord ?

Peter : I was. Our brothers Mark⁶ and John⁷ have made this abundantly clear in their writings.

Defence : Will you tell the court why you believe it necessary for a man to be called of God and ordained by divine authority in order that he may hold office in the one true church ?

Peter : Let me illustrate. You will recollect that when Judas fell, it left a vacancy among the apostles. At that time the eleven of us prayed to the Lord, asking whom was to be selected to complete the quorum of the twelve. In due course the Lord revealed to us that Matthias should fill the vacancy, and he was accordingly set apart.⁸

Defence : Would you say that the Lord intended that there should continue to be apostles after His crucifixion ?

Peter : But of course ! He would never have appointed a successor to Judas if this were not so.

Defence : And you maintain that apostles holding Divine Authority are still necessary in this day and age ?

Peter : Certainly. You will remember that in his epistle to the Ephesians our brother Paul wrote that apostles and prophets and other officers in the church were there “. . . for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ”, and he further pointed out that these positions should be established “. . . till we all come in the unity of the faith.”⁹ Unhappily it cannot be said that that time has yet come. It is obvious, then, that Divine Authority should still exist in the true church, through the appointed channels.

Defence : You say that Divine Authority should exist in “the true church”. How may one know which is the true church ?

Peter : Christ established but one church which was “. . . built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.”¹⁰ And among the other officers of the church were pastors, evangelists, and teachers.¹¹

Defence : And the churches of the world are not now officered after this pattern ?

Peter : No, they are not.

Defence : You make the inference, then, that there has been an apostasy from the original church ?

Peter : That is correct. Along with not having the officers of Christ's church, it is interesting to note that these churches of the world do not even claim divine revelation from God—which means, of course, that they have received no Divine Authority for the running of His church.

Defence : Thank you. You may be excused. Ladies and gentlemen, we now call upon the apostle John, who was banished by the unbelievers to the Isle of Patmos. Brother John, in your long experience as an apostle,

has there ever been anything to suggest that in the days that we now live in we might expect a restoration of the original church ?

John : In the volume called the Old Testament the prophet Joel relates how the Lord describes some of the happenings of the last days (in which we are now living). Among other things is recorded the statement “. . . and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.”¹² Additionally, while on the Isle of Patmos the Lord revealed to me “. . . another angel (shall) fly in the mist of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people. . .”¹³ These are but two examples of scripture showing that Christ’s church was to be restored.

Defence : Thank you. You may leave the witness-stand. In summing-up the case for the defence it is our claim that the Lord Jesus Christ did establish His church; that He made it a perfect organisation with particular officers, headed by apostles and prophets; that He gave them Divine Authority to act in His name; that the church He established gradually fell into a state of apostasy; that it was prophesied that there would eventually be a restoration of the gospel; and that, of course, His church in the latter days will have the same organisation and authority as in the former days. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has all these positive marks of identification.

The Defence rests.

References :

¹ Romans 10: 14-15

² Hebrews 5: 4

³ Exodus 4: 14-28

⁴ Acts 13: 1-3

⁵ Numbers 27: 18-23

⁶ Mark 3: 13-14

⁷ John 15: 16

⁸ Acts 1: 24-26

⁹ Ephesians 4: 11-12

¹⁰ Ephesians 2: 20

¹¹ Ephesians 4: 11

¹² Joel 2: 28

¹³ Revelation 14: 6

In the Mission . . .

In the 1956 Municipal Election, President Albert Pickup, President of the Burnley Branch was re-elected as a Councillor to the Burnley County Borough Council for a further term of three years. He serves on the following committees :—

Social Services; Children’s Committee; Art Gallery and Museum; Library and Arts; Establishment.

He is also a representative for the Council on the Citizen’s Advice Bureau and the Inskip League of Friendship for the Disabled.

President Pickup began his interest in politics in the same year that he was baptized into the Church and has held a number of offices in the Burnley Conservative Association. He was chairman of the Young Conservatives for four years and on retiring was elected a vice-president. At present, he is the Assistant Treasurer to the Association. For the past four years he has attended the Party Conference as a delegate. On both occasions when he was elected to the Council he was unopposed by the other parties.



London Temple Progress Report

The work on the London Temple is progressing well. The ground has been cleared and prepared for the foundation. Heavy equipment is being brought to the site, and preparations are well under way for the actual construction. The photographs show two different views of the site, and the clearing work that has been done.

This letter is directed to all Latter-day Saints in Great Britain, and is an expression of appreciation from a Netherlands member, a young sister, who lived here for awhile.

At this moment I feel as if I could both cry and laugh, the time has come that I must go away from England and all my dear friends in this country back to my home. The thought of going brings a sad feeling upon me, while the idea of going home brings happiness and joy. It is a long time ago that I embraced my mother who, for me, has more importance than any person on this earth. Thanks to the Saints in England, I learned to understand my mother more during my stay in this country. Now I know what she did for me and hope to be able to return the love she so willingly gave me.

I will remember the Saints in England and enjoy myself in the knowledge that we are all one in embracing the same God-given Gospel. This is a time for me to attest my gratitude to all the excellent people with whom I have been able to come in touch. Thank you for being my friends. Your unmatched hospitality, your continuous kindness and your helpful benevolence are a proof to me that the friendship of an English Saint is true.

I have learned here to love more and more the wonderful Gospel that has been restored in our time. I have seen works of God's hand and noticed how hearts change and grow towards the purpose of eternal perfection.

My prayer for all of you is that our concealed works will be found righteous, that we will be glorified in the highest celestial glory and receive the privilege of beholding the glory of God. My testimony is true and although I will leave the people and Church I love, I will never forget you.

ERNA VAN DIJK.

Holland.

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Brigham Young University

Track Team

. . . *tours*

THE Lord gives the promise to all those who obey the Word of Wisdom that they shall know blessings of great health and strength. Those who have lived this law can bear a strong testimony to the fulfillment of the promised blessings. However, athletes and spectators in England and Ireland had the opportunity of beholding the "Word of Wisdom" in action during the month of July. This year, the Church School, Brigham Young University, at Provo, Utah, U.S.A., fielded one of the most outstanding track teams in the nation. This team placed high in national polls, and succeeded in winning their area championships. Because of their outstanding abili-

ties, offers came from around the world to compete. Upon consideration of this matter, officials of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and Brigham Young University met together, and it was decided to send the team on a tour of Europe, to compete against the finest athletes that could be matched against them. And so, during the month of July, they toured through England and Ireland.

The Brigham Young University track team arrived in Dublin, by plane on Sunday, July 8, 1956, and was met by the Irish District President. The team had 18 members, 15 athletes, 1 trainer, and Coach Clarence Robison and his wife.



*Charles "Pinky" Higgins
throwing the javelin in Manchester
and . . .*

By courtesy of the Manchester Guardian

England

They were well entertained by the local Saints, and attended services in Dublin Branch. The team was sponsored by the Clonliffe Harriers who spared no effort to make their stay a memorable one. They met the Lord Mayor of Dublin, and toured the city. Of course the highlight of the stay was the competition, held on two separate evenings. The Brigham Young University took quite a number of firsts, and placed in many other events. Had team totals been compiled, the B.Y.U. team would have been way out in front.

The team then flew to Manchester, and took a train to Sunderland for their second match. The event in Sunderland has been cov-

*. . . exceeds the
standing
British record of
224 feet, by
three feet!*



By courtesy of the Manchester Guardian



*The B.Y.U.
team arriving
in Ireland.*

ered by an article which follows. After the very successful Sunderland Meet, the team continued on to Manchester for the Manchester City Police Annual Sports Meeting in the Manchester White City Stadium on July 18, 1956.

In a pouring rainstorm, the teams competed, and again the Church team came out in front. Our javelin thrower, Charles Higgins, threw three feet further than the existing British record. At the conclusion of the meet, the B.Y.U. athletes were presented with very attractive trophies to commemorate their stay in Manchester. It was a wonderful meet. The next day the team flew to Europe to compete there, finishing their tour in Finland in the middle of August.

The good-will created for the Church by the tour of this fine group of athletes is inestimable. The newspapers in Dublin carried remarks such as, "the finest college side ever" and "this fine team has certainly lived up to its reputation." The Sunderland, Durham and Manchester papers were equally complimentary, the impression created

by these tanned, crew-clipped young men was wonderful. As missionaries, they went out of their way to hold Gospel conversations. They passed out tracts, and at all times were perfect examples of the Gospel in action. As sportsmen, they excelled, taking the time during events to show their losing competitors the techniques they used. And, as they lost, they were the first to congratulate the winners. To the English people, to whom fair play is everything, this meant a lot. They formed fast friendships wherever they went, and it was a common sight to see them happily jogging around the track with their competitors, just being friendly. No one can estimate the good that this team has done the Church here in England and Ireland. From all reports, the impressions they made will be lasting ones. A tribute must be paid to the English and Irish, both members and non-members, who provided a most wonderful two weeks. No effort was spared to make the team feel at home. In talking to some of the athletes from the

B.Y.U., many were heard to express the opinion that these were the most friendly and kindly people they had met.

It would be hard to sum up on what the Brigham Young University track team tour has meant. It gave the people of this land an opportunity to see what the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints can do in the lives of young people. It did much to bring both attention and favourable comment to the Church. It has certainly deepened the bonds of friendship between our two countries. But, most of all, it has opened many homes to the missionaries that might have been closed before. We, here, certainly wish to express our thanks to the

team, the officials, and all those connected with this tour.

And all saints who remember to keep and do these sayings, walking in obedience to the commandments, shall receive health in their navel and marrow in their bones;

And shall find wisdom and great treasures of knowledge, even hidden treasures;

And shall run and not be weary, and shall walk and not faint.

And I, the Lord, give unto them a promise, that the destroying angel shall pass by them, as the children of Israel, and not slay them. Amen

(Doctrine and Covenants 89:18-21)



A group of team members and saints in Sunderland. From left to right: Pres. F. W. Oates, first counsellor in the Mission Presidency; Brother Kimball, the B.Y.U. team trainer; Brother Clarence Robison, team coach; Elder C. Olsen and Pres. W. Daines, Newcastle missionaries.



by courtesy
of the
Northern Echo

The Brigham Young University team is welcomed to Sunderland by the Mayor of Sunderland. In this picture, the Mayor is seen showing his mace to President Clifton G. M. Kerr, Coach Clarence Robison, Brother Kimball, and members of the team, along with some of the district missionaries. The reception was very impressive.



Willard Hirschi, of the B.Y.U. team, finishing first at Sunderland.

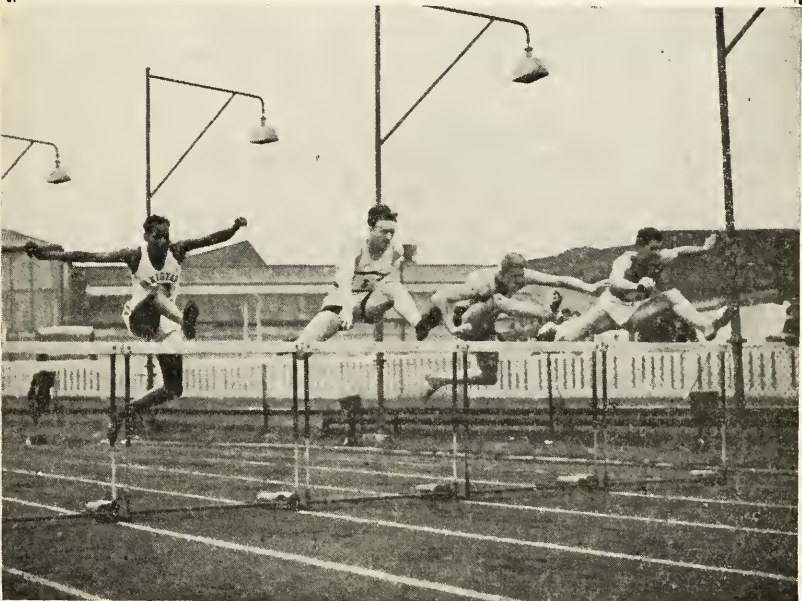


Marvin Robertson, B.Y.U., putting the shot at Sunderland.



The 880 yard race at Manchester.

High hurdles at Manchester



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*Ralph Bonham, B.Y.U., clearing the bar
at 6' 2" in the High Jump at Manchester.*

BRITISH MISSION

Branch and District Activities

Births and Blessings

On June 17, the daughter of Brother and Sister Robert Bluett was blessed by her father at the Birmingham Chapel and given the names of Susan Doreen Bluett.

The two daughters of Sister Webb were blessed at Birmingham on July 1. The elder was blessed by Elder Philip Green and given the name Sheila Webb, the newly-born was blessed by Elder Anthony Burgess and given the names of Patricia Anne Webb.

A son was born to Brother and Sister Gummer of Scarborough on June 28.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brownlee was blessed by President Callister at Edinburgh on June 17 and given the name of Hilda.

Elder Firmage blessed Thomas Lees Thompson at Edinburgh on June 17.

The daughter of Brother Adair of Glasgow was blessed with the names of Josephine Ann Adair.

A daughter was born to Brother and Sister Joseph Coull of Aberdeen on July 5.

To Brother and Sister Arnold of the Bury Branch on July 3 in the Beasley Nursing Home, the gift of a son.

On July 1, Laura Ann Finnegan was blessed by Brother Sam Hills and Hugh Finnegan by Brother Harry Mills, both are the children of Brother and Sister Gerard Finnegan of the Oldham Branch.

A daughter, Susan Elaine, was born to Brother and Sister Kelly of Bristol on June 28.

Two babies were blessed at Edinburgh on June 17: Hilda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brownlee was blessed by Elder Callister and Thomas Lees Brown by Elder Firmage.

The children of Brother and Sister Jones were blessed at Nuneaton on July 8. Suzann Joy Jones was blessed by Elder Vern Stembridge. Nicholas William Jones was blessed by Elder Richard Henry Bowen. Roger Jones was also blessed by Elder Stembridge.

Deaths

Catherine Sandra Staniforth, daughter of Sister Staniforth of Scarborough, who was born on June 26, died on June 28. A service was held for her in the Scarborough Chapel on July 2.

It is with regret that we announce the passing of Sister Lavinia Woodruff of Hyde Branch on July 11. Sister Woodruff had been ailing for sixteen and a half years but for a considerable time she was nursed devotedly by her son and daughter-in-law, Brother and Sister Albert Woodruff. Sister Woodruff was buried at the Gee Cross Cemetary,

Hyde. The grave was dedicated by Elder Nielson and President Peterson conducted the service.

Engagements

Coleby-Muncey. Sister Marion Coleby of the Ipswich Branch has become engaged to Brother Gary Muncey who is currently serving in this country with the U.S.A.F. They plan to be married in the Lowestoft Chapel in August.

Walker-Pickup. The engagement is announced of Sister Jean Walker of the Glasgow Branch to Brother Albert Pickup, President of the Burnley Branch. The wedding is planned for November 1.

Two much-loved members of the Newchapel Branch became engaged on July 7, Rose Evelyn Adkin and James Alison Thompson.

Marriages

Adams-Burns. On July 21, Sadie J. Adams married Kenneth Burns, son of Florence May and George Henry Burns. Brother Burns is a member of the Middlesbrough Branch.

Ordinations

To the Office of Deacon

Brother David Horwell of York on July 1.

Brother Frank Culley of Northampton under the hand of President L. Joyce on July 15.

To the Office of Teacher

Brother Wilfred R. Horton by President John Kitsell.

Brother Gerard Finnegan of Oldham under the hand of Elder Wimmer on July 21.

Brother David Starling of Wythenshawe under the hand of Brother R. Caddick on July 9.

To the Office of Priest

Brother N. Wood of Oldham under the hand of Brother Harry Mills on July 21.

Brother J. Robinson of Oldham under the hand of President Giles on July 21.

Birmingham

Birmingham Branch gave a supper and concert evening on July 7 and invited members from the whole District. Food was prepared for sixty, but eighty came, and it was fortunate that Sister Doris Mace who was in charge of the catering was in the mood for performing miracles, she sent members of the Priesthood to near-by shops and with the weird assortment of goods they obtained soon fed the jovial horde that was clamouring at the kitchen door. All credit is due to her for her meritorious performance. The highlight of the concert was a distorted picture of life in the Foreign Legion given by members of the Priesthood. All four have since been shot.

Sister Hönell, a recent convert to the Church from Graz, Sweden, has been visiting the Birmingham Branch. She is a teacher and speaks excellent English. Birmingham took great pleasure in meeting this fine lady.

A Birmingham District Social was held in the Masonic Hall at Nuneaton on July 21. About fifty people were present and enjoyed the good food served by the Relief Society. An informal entertainment was provided by the Missionaries and members under the direction of Brother Edwin N. Green.

Northampton held a Branch party on July 14. Over forty Saints and friends had an enjoyable evening

together and also the refreshments which were provided and served by the Sisters.

Bristol

A surprise Farewell Party was given by the Relief Society on June 26 in honour of District President Shilton and his wife. Refreshments were served after a concert and President and Sister Shilton were presented with a colourful book about Bournemouth and a silk scarf from the Branch.

Plymouth M.I.A. also gave a Farewell Party to President and Sister Shilton on June 27. The gifts presented were a table lamp from the Branch and a box of chocolates from the Primary children. The new District President, Elder Sherman Johannsen was made welcome during the evening. After items presented by the various Auxiliaries the evening finished with Square Dancing.

A surprise birthday party was given for Sister L. Summersell by Bournemouth M.I.A. on July 30. A jolly time was had by all at the party and Sister Summersell was presented with a bouquet of carnations and a large iced birthday cake. Speeches were made by Sisters I. Babadge and V. Kilby to which Sister Summersell replied.

Hull

On June 21, the newly organised Scunthorpe Branch held its first social in the form of a weiner roast and a tour of a steel mill. Approximately 50 people enjoyed games and food during the afternoon at "Greetwell Farm" near Scunthorpe and then in the evening attended a very interesting tour of the Appley-Frodingham steel works. The social

was under the direction of the Branch Presidency with the Relief Society and brothers and sisters from Sturgate Air Force Base providing the food. All of the Hull District missionaries attended together with many friends.

Scunthorpe Branch held its first M.I.A. for many years on July 5 at the home of Brother and Sister A. L. Taaffe. Under the direction of President S. J. Lindhardt, all who attended enjoyed an interesting discussion on music, followed by a very thought-provoking lesson on "The Controversy of the Book of Mormon Today". Although attendance is still rather small, the auxiliary is very successful and enjoyed by all.

Irish

Belfast Sunday School held a Basket Lunch on June 17, its purpose was to raise funds to buy flannel boards. The programme was directed by Brother John Stewart with the help of Brothers Paindavoinne and Galbraith. The social was a great success and the goal set was achieved.

Belfast Y.W.M.I.A. has been reorganised and Sister Jean HoliOak is now first counsellor with Sister Peggy Gray and second counsellor.

Leeds

The Leeds Relief Society Sisters held their annual outing on June 9 when a trip to Scarborough was arranged. The day was very cold and dull but the children were able to have a little time on the sand. The sisters would like to express their gratitude to the Scarborough Saints for their hospitality in allowing them to have the use of their hall which enabled them to enjoy a rest in comfort out of the cold.

Sister Patricia Boothroyd left Huddersfield for Long Island, New York, on June 29, where she is going to work for a Latter-day Saint family. She was M.I.A. District Supervisor in the Leeds District for some time and will be missed very much by the Saints there.

Leeds Branch spent a very enjoyable evening on July 2 when they celebrated Sister Cynthia Jessup's 21st birthday.

Liverpool

Burnley and Nelson Branches had a joint Sunday School Outing this year. The party travelled to Hollingsworth Lake and spent a happy day boating and walking in the beautiful surrounding countryside. The outing was arranged by President G. A. Holmes of the Nelson Branch.

Liverpool District M.I.A. Outing was held at Southport on June 30. The afternoon was spent playing cricket which was made all the more enjoyable owing to the large number present who had not previously played the game. Later a street-meeting was held on the promenade and the day was concluded by a visit to the fair.

A Bar-B-Q was the way that Pioneer Day was celebrated at Liverpool on June 21. Games, races, and other out-door activities were held during the afternoon, later community singing and more games took place. The Bar-B-Q meal was provided by the Service Men's Group who worked very hard to make the day a success.

During the month of July, Preston Branch were invited by the National Children's Home to take part in the annual house-to-house collection. This was made a Priesthood project and with the aid of the Relief So-

ciety, over £12 was collected and handed over to this worthy charity.

London

Brighton Branch held a Farewell Social on June 13 in honour of Michael and Tony Mitchell, the sons of President and Sister W. E. Mitchell. A great many people attended and joined in the dancing and games. The boys were each presented with a Triple Combination by Brother and Sister Dyer, other books and presents were given to them by the members of the Branch. It was altogether a wonderful evening with everybody present enjoying themselves. Michael and Tony left the following day to take up residence at Woodscross, Utah.

Brother David Beckingham of Newchapel Branch won the 440 yards for 15-17-year-olds in the County Sports breaking the standing record of 59 seconds with 57.2.

Manchester

The B.Y.U. Track Team visited Manchester to compete in the Manchester City Police Sports on July 18 at the White City Stadium, Old Trafford.

The Arts and Crafts Exhibition and Music and Drama Festival July 21. Sister Jean Clarke (Y.W.M.I.A. Supervisor) who was in charge of the proceedings remarked on the excellence of the exhibits and the adjudicators had a very difficult task. One outstanding feature in the confectionery side was a cake made to represent the British Temple when it is built. Following the judging of the Arts and Crafts the individual singing competition was held in which Sister Jean Clarke and Brother Bert

Woodhead gained the most points. The evening was devoted to Branch Dramatisations based on Al Jolson songs, and Oldham scored here with their representation of "Toot, Toot, Tootsie".

On July 8 the Wythenshawe choir went along to the Street Meeting in Manchester and helped to draw the crowds for the Missionaries proclaiming the Gospel.

Wythenshawe Relief Society held an entertainment on July 14 and surprised everyone with the excellent talent displayed, in particular Brother Ron Mazey and Sister Jean Jenkinson might also have been professionals.

Newcastle

Newcastle Branch held a "Talent Night" on June 12 in aid of the Elders' Quorum. The show was organised by President Roberts and Elder Newbold acted as M.C. All the auxiliaries contributed even the Primary children with a comb-and-paper band. The Relief Society provided a meat pie and pea supper after the show to which the 75 people present did full justice.

On July 25 Newcastle Relief Society sisters accompanied by their children visited Cullercoats Bay and had an enjoyable time on the beach swimming and sunbathing. The weather was lovely and after a picnic some of the sisters enjoyed a stroll along the promenade to Whitley Bay. This was very interesting especially in the old fishing village of Cullercoats where the fisherwives stand at their cottage doors plying their wares.

Norwich

The newly-formed Gorleston Branch has now been re-organised

with local members comprising the Presidency :

Branch President—

Elder L. A. Bell

First Councillor—

Elder A. H. Gibbs

Second Councillor—

Elder D. C. Cockell

A distinctly nautical atmosphere prevails as the Presidency are all ex-Royal Naval long-service men (though now a far from silent service). Sunday School, Genealogy, and all other auxiliaries are going strong and a wonderful spirit exists in the Branch although the present rented premises are rather cramped at times owing to the influx of Investigators due to the wonderful work being done here by the Missionaries.

Nottingham

Mansfield Relief Society held a Bazaar on June 2. Owing to lack of facilities at Mansfield the Nottingham Saints kindly lent their Hall for the occasion. A pleasing array of goods were displayed for sale and refreshments were served. The proceeds from this and other projects which the Mansfield Branch have on hand are to go to the Building Fund.

A Men's Effort was held in the Hucknall Chapel on June 23, when 60 members and friends sat down to a ham tea. The Carlin Singers, under the direction of Mrs. Prices gave a concert of straight and comedy singing and sketches. Elder Tom Hezel-tine was comperé for the evening.

Derby Branch enjoyed an outing to Alton Towers, Staffordshire, on July 14. Twenty-three members attended and although the weather was not at all kind, a game of cricket was soon organised in the lovely

grounds surrounding the House. Elders Boyer and Coltrin were initiated into the "rites" of "silly mid-on", "long leg", "deep square", and "short fine leg" fielding to which they replied with some fine bowling, or should it have been pitching? This was the last social occasion Elder Boyer had with the Derby Saints, as the Newcastle District needed his smile and services. He served the Derby Branch well and truly for seven months and his going was a sad farewell. Elder H. A. Matthews was called to take his place on July 22 and the Saints are sure that the Branch will grow and prosper under his guidance.

A vision of the future was seen at Nottingham Y.M.C.A. Hall on June 30. President and Sister Kerr with two of their sons attended together with Elders from London Office who showed a film about a cowboy. An entertainment was provided by the Nottingham District missionaries and the Trentmore Trio. The Nottingham and Leicester choirs were conducted by Brother Albert Sunderland.

Farewell parties were held for District President Hufstetler on the 4 and 7 of July. One was given by the Investigators and held at a Member's home and the other was at Loughborough after the District Preparation Meeting.

Sister Muriel Cuthbert received the Golden Gleaner Badge and Brother Derek Cuthbert the Master M Man award from Sister Joyce Bowler.

Scottish

Glasgow Branch gave a farewell party for Elder Callister on July 4. He was presented with two books, one of Scottish poems and one of Scottish songs during the evening.

Aberdeen M.I.A. also honoured the Callister family on July 9th when a social was given in honour of Brother and Sister Reed Callister of California and their son Elder Callister, Scottish District President. Sister Shelia Thompson was M.C. and introduced many new games. Elders Ballantyne and Carr caused much amusement with their two sketches. The sisters of the Branch provided the refreshments.

An outing to Kenmay was held by Aberdeen M.I.A. on July 17, and a great deal of fun was had by members in the local park.

Edinburgh Branch Presidency has been re-organised as follows:—
President—Elder Edwin B.

Firmage
First Councillor—Brother Robert Spikin

Second Counsellor—Brother Larry Parker
Branch Clerk—Brother James

West

Along with Glasgow, Edinburgh Branch had the largest attendance at the M.I.A. outing at Alva Glen on July 7.

Sheffield

The Sheffield Group of the Second Quorum of Elders held a Social on June 23 which, in the opinion of the majority of the 100 people who attended, was a social

with a difference. The setting represented the days of the Mormon Pioneers, even to the inclusion of a covered wagon, a replica of the type used in those far-off days. As an introduction, Brother A. Nettle-ship gave a vivid description of the trials and tribulations suffered by those brave Pioneers and how the wonderful song "Come, Come ye Saints" came to be written. There was plenty of entertainment in the shape of dancing, games, etc. A special mention must be made of the beautiful rendering of "Listen to the Lambs" by the Branch Choir, under the capable leadership of Brother Greenfield.

On June 1, the choir followed up its good work by visiting the City General Hospital, Sheffield, and singing to the patients. They were certainly rewarded by the applause and the happy faces which they left behind. There is a great future in store for this choir.

Sheffield Genealogy Committee held its first meeting on July 4, this is a new venture and judging from the enthusiasm shown by the members present it looks like being a success.

On June 16, a Garden Party and Jumble Sale was planned by the Barnsley Branch, unfortunately our English weather intervened and the Garden Party had to be cancelled.

Those having completed the British Mission Public Speaking and Teaching Course :

	<i>Branch</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Date</i>
Esme Rosemary Aubrey	Bournemouth	Bristol	July 20th, 1956
Dilys Joan Carpenter	Bournemouth	Bristol	July 20th, 1956
Eileen Rose Carpenter	Bournemouth	Bristol	July 20th, 1956
Lilian E. M. Summersell	Bournemouth	Bristol	July 20th, 1956
Henry J. Summersell	Bournemouth	Bristol	July 20th, 1956
Henry J. G. Street	Bournemouth	Bristol	July 20th, 1956
Vera P. Kilbey	Bournemouth	Bristol	July 20th, 1956
Kathleen Cottington	Bournemouth	Bristol	July 20th, 1956



A group of Sheffield Saints. Back Row: Bro. G. Laycock; Bro. Jos. Hampstead; Bro. G. H. Smith; Bro. B. Hicks. Front Row: Bro. Fagan; Bro. A Nettleship; Bro. J. Andrus; Bro T. L. Hope.

MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

ARRIVALS:

July 11th, 1956

Elder Robert DeMatt Austin
 Elder Robert DeMar Anderson
 Elder Loren Rich Brockhank
 Elder William Lamont Glover, Jr.
 Elder William Edward Groomer
 Elder Joseph Ralph Hawkins
 Sister Ranece Larsen
 Sister Helen M. Livingston
 Elder Neil McEwen
 Elder Robert John McLaren
 Elder Ronald J. Payne
 Elder Joseph Barnard Romney
 Elder Clyde Bannister Russell
 Elder John Lindsay Ward
 Elder James LeRoy Wilde
 Elder Ross Eardly Woodward

July 14th, 1956

Elder Robert C. Beers
 Elder Donald Ralph Chisholm
 Sister Heloyce Francel Hanson
 Elder Richard Martell Jackson
 Elder Alan Clare Jacobs
 Elder Richard Stewart Knight

From

Pasadena, California
 Seattle, Washington
 Salt Lake City, Utah
 Brigham, Utah
 Salt Lake City, Utah
 Tooele, Utah
 Mantua, Utah
 Craig, Colorado
 Nottingham, Notts.
 Salt Lake City, Utah
 Richfield, Utah
 Salt Lake City, Utah
 Oakland, California
 Long Beach, California
 Fort Collins, Colorado
 Seattle, Washington

Salt Lake City, Utah
 Salt Lake City, Utah
 Salt Lake City, Utah
 Cambridge, Massachusetts
 Declo, Idaho
 Provo, Utah

Assigned to

Sheffield
 Scottish
 Bristol
 Bristol
 Newcastle
 Hull
 Irish
 London
 Bristol
 Newcastle
 Sheffield
 Welsh
 Manchester
 London
 Manchester
 Birmingham

Norwich
 Nottingham
 Office
 Hull
 Leeds
 Hull

July 18th, 1956

Elder Larry J. Andrus
 Elder Merrill Joseph Bateman
 Elder Allen Carl Brown
 Elder DeLamar Holt, Jr.
 Elder Keith W. Jones
 Elder Bert Reed Webster
 Elder Farley Louis Yeates

From

Ucon, Idaho
 American Fork, Utah
 Salt Lake City, Utah
 Salt Lake City, Utah
 Ogden, Utah
 Ashton, Idaho
 Ogden, Utah

Assigned to

Leeds
 Norwich
 London
 Scottish
 Newcastle
 Scottish
 Newcastle

TRANSFERS:

	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Date Effective</i>
Elder Robert George Torney	Bristol	Norwich	July 28th, 1956-
Elder Michael Richards Hinckley	Norwich	Bristol	July 28th, 1956-
Sister Frances Mary Kelland	Office	Irish	July 23rd, 1956-

APPOINTMENTS:

Elder Darrel J. Burns was appointed Manager of the Literature Department in the London Office, July 11th, 1956.

Sister Heloyce Frances Hanson was appointed Secretary to the Mission President in the London Office, July 23rd, 1956.

BAPTISMS:

Birmingham District

James McGarry of Rugby
 Kitty McGarry of Rugby
 Ann Denise Wilkins of Rugby
 Frederick George Wilkins of Rugby
 Violet Ethel Wilkins of Rugby
 Edward John Spence of Rugby
 Pauline Marharita Spence of Rugby
 Peter Gurnett Jones of Nuneaton
 Warwick Adian Jones of Nuneaton
 William Gurnett, Jones, Sr. of Nuneaton
 Nellie Elizabeth Jones of Nuneaton
 Olive Margaret Turvey of Northampton
 Arthur James Turvey of Northampton
 Pamela Nash of Worcester

Irish District

William John Wellington Deveney of Belfast
 Moira Brookes of Bangor
 Sheena Brookes of Bangor

Leeds District

Margaret Shelagh Hillen of Huddersfield
 Ethel Maud Watson of Dewsbury
 George Frederick Watson of Dewsbury
 Stuart Graham Baldwin of Bradford
 Christine Ann Baldwin of Bradford

Liverpool District

Harry Butler of Liverpool
 Marilyn Anne Curry of Liverpool
 Florence Ivy Austin of Liverpool
 Joan Godfrey of Liverpool
 Barbara Kay Jones of Liverpool
 Sandra Lohrenz of Liverpool
 David Roderick Austin of Liverpool
 Peter Alan Austin of Liverpool
 Anne Elizabeth Stephens of Liverpool
 Elizabeth May Stephens of Liverpool

London District

Shirley Rose Panks of S. London
 Alice Louisa Holman of Romford
 Frances D. Underwood of Romford
 Thomas William West of S. London
 Gladys M. Drake of S. London

Manchester District

Barbara Jean Mills of Oldham

Newcastle District

John Kaigg of Sunderland
 Frank Johnson of S. Shields
 Grace Johnson of S. Shields
 Barbara Rose Johnson of S. Shields
 Anne Elizabeth Lentell of Newcastle
 Mary Doreen Douglas of S. Shields
 Dorothy Margery Josephine Douglas of S. Shields.

Norwich District

Albertha Florence Osborn of Southend
 John Wilmott Osborn of Southend
 Pamela Olive Helton of Ipswich
 Raymond Norman Cousins of Chelmsford
 Daphne Margaret Murphy of Southend
 Patrick Arthur Murphy, Jr. of Southend
 David Roy Sturt of Southend

Nottingham District

Amy Elizabeth Bryant of Nottingham
 Elaine Ruth Ulman of Nottingham
 Frank Ulman of Nottingham
 Kathleen Wood Ulman of Nottingham

Sheffield District

Wendy Carol Harrison of Sheffield
 Winifred Hussey of Barnsley of Sheffield
 Gladys May Cotton of Chesterfield

Welsh District

Elizabeth Mary Keogh of Cardiff
 Anthony Charles Keogh of Cardiff
 David Williams of Cardiff

THE Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is no partisan Church. It is not a sect. It is *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*. It is the only one today existing in the world that can and does legitimately bear the name of Jesus Christ and His divine authority. I make this declaration in all simplicity and honesty before you and before all the world, bitter as the truth may seem to those who are opposed and who have no reason for that opposition. It is nevertheless true and will remain true until He who has a right to rule among the nations of the earth and among the individual children of God throughout the world shall come and take the reins of government and receive the bride that shall be prepared for the coming of the Bridegroom.

Many of our great writers have recently been querying and wondering where the divine authority exists today to command in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, so that it will be in effect and acceptable at the throne of the Eternal Father. I will announce here and now, presumptuous as it may seem to be to those who know not the truth, that the divine authority of Almighty God, to speak in the name of the Father and the Son, is here in the midst of these everlasting hills, in the midst of this intermountain region, and it will abide and will continue, for God is its source, and God is the power by which it has been maintained against all opposition in the world up to the present, and by which it will continue to progress and grow and increase on the earth until it shall cover the earth from sea to sea. This is my testimony to you, my brethren and sisters, and I have a fullness of joy and satisfaction in being able to declare this without regard to, or fear of, all the adversaries of the truth.

President Joseph F. Smith

*And no man taketh this
honor unto himself, but
he that is called of God,
as was Aaron.*

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